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STEVE BELL: El Salvador's army has invited the UN Human Rights Commission to inspect a small town where the army claims guerrillas massacred more than 150 civilians.

Meanwhile, ABC News has learned of a new US plan aimed at stopping the flow of army to guerrillas in El Salvador.

Sam Donaldson reports.

SAM DONALDSON: The ideas discussed by Administration officials with Argentina would be to infiltrate the Argentine paramilitary forces into Nicaragua. Once there they would operate in guerrilla fashion to choke off the supply of arms to rebels in El Salvador and if all went well, they would mount a counter-revolution against the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

The congressional source who told ABC News of the Administration's idea does not know whether the discussions with Argentine officials led anywhere.

And a senior White House official declined to comment on the story one way or the other. But on Tuesday, Secretary of State Haig made it clear on Capitol Hill that allied help in El Salvador is important.

SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG: Cooperating with our friends and allies in the region, we will do whatever is necessary to contain the threat.

DONALDSON: Exploring this option of enlisting forces from another Latin American country to help El Salvador makes sense from the Administration's viewpoint. It would help turn the tables on Nicaragua, through which arms to the rebels are flowing, and it

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would do so without having to propose the politically explosive option of sending American combat forces to the area.

Sam Donaldson, ABC News, Washington.